

NCTE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Standing Committee: Undergraduate

Date: June 10, 2011

Location: Room F – Center for People in Need

The meeting was called to order at 12:35PM by Jodi Kupper (in place of Alan Bone and Lyn Forester who were absent).

Secretary: Please take attendance and indicate any absences, alternates, or guests.

District	Name	Present/Absent	Designated Alternate Member Present	Guest
4	Alford, S.	Present		
1	Bartholomew, S.	Present		
1	Bayne, T.	Absent		
4	Bohn, P.	Absent		
8	Bone, A.	Absent		
7	Eshleman, T.	Absent	Jay Sears	
5	Forester, L.	Absent		
8	Gay, A.	Present		
2	Habrock, B.	Absent		
3	Hastings, B.	Absent		
1	Heckman, P.	Present		
3	Hesse, T.	Absent	Pat Ludeke	
5	Kupper, J.	Present		
6	Moeller, L.	Present		
6	O'Holleran, M.	Absent		
5	Rempp, K.	Absent		
2	Rice, C.	Absent	Neil Bateman	
5	Vitosh, D.	Present		
	Michelle Lundgren		Grace University	X
	Janell Uffelman			X
	Jim Vlack		NSAB	X
	Brian McKevitt		UNO School Psychology	X
	Pat Madsen		NDE	X

Business Conducted:

- I. Introductions:
- II. Approve minutes of March 11, 2011 meeting:
Motion made and minutes were approved

III. Endorsements ready for Full Council Action:

a. Elementary Education

Motion to recommend Elementary Education Endorsement to Full Council.

Motion: Sears

Second: Moeller

Motion Approved

b. Adapted Physical Education

Motion to recommend Physical Education endorsement to full Council.

Motion: Sears

Second: Gay

Motion Approved

IV. Discussion Items:

a. Nebraska Teacher and Principal Standards

b. Principal and School Psychologist endorsements

Principal Endorsement Discussion

Concerns that were voiced concerning the requirement of two years of teaching before entrance into a principal endorsement program.

- Two years is still considered a beginning teacher – is it too early to enter a principal endorsement program?
- A seven year requirement may give more experience time.
- There is a local control issue allowing districts to choose and encourage outstanding educators for the principal track early in their careers.
- This requirement may be in part due to principals coming into the system from other states.

There was discussion about the need for layering of the endorsement requirement

Example: Initial – Standard – Professional

School Psychologist endorsement Discussion

Discussion about whether a teacher could get this endorsement while they are still teaching. The requirement of an internship would require them to be at least ½ time over two semesters and would make it difficult to maintain a teaching job as well.

Discussion about the endorsement changing from a special services endorsement to a teaching endorsement. The role of the school psychologist more closely matches the job of a teacher and makes more sense that this should be a teaching endorsement.

Recommendation was made that school psychologist endorsement becomes a teaching endorsement.

c. Input regarding endorsements scheduled for future ad hoc review:

Language Arts Endorsements (includes):

Language Arts

English

Speech

Theatre

Speech and Theatre

Journalism and Mass Communications
Reading Specialist
Reading and Writing

Discussion:

- If endorsements are eliminated what about teachers who already hold these endorsements?
- Smaller school districts are looking to fill larger endorsement first before smaller subject endorsement.

Science Endorsements (includes):

Biology
Chemistry
Physics
Physical Science
Natural Science

Discussion:

- What is the marketability of smaller endorsements for smaller districts?
- Should 7-12 endorsements become 6-12 endorsements?

Early Childhood Endorsements (includes):

Early Childhood Education – Birth through Grade 3
Early Childhood Unified – Birth through Grade 3
Pre-School Disabilities – Birth through Kindergarten
Special Education Early Childhood – Birth through Grade 3
Early Care and Education (special authorization) – Birth through Kindergarten

Discussion:

- Preschool Disabilities endorsement is outdated since the Early Childhood Unified endorsement covers both Early Childhood plus Pre-school Disabilities.
- Early Care and Education needs to be moved into endorsement form.

V. Meeting adjourned at: 2PM

Standing Committee Recommendations for presentation to Full Council:

1. Recommend Elementary Education Endorsement to Full Council.
2. Recommend Adapted Physical Education Endorsement to Full Council.

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